

Invitation

The Golden Age of Television American TV Series in the Classroom

at Amerika Haus, Hardenbergstrasse 22 - 24, 10623 Berlin
Monday, December 5, 2005 10:00 - 17:00

Since the late 1990s, television in the U.S. has been developing into a major competition for Hollywood productions. Film stars are recruited from successful television series. Directors like Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks are producing mini series for television, such as "Into the West" and "From the Earth to the Moon". DVD sales of television series such as "West Wing", "Desperate Housewives", or "Lost" are booming. Television, the most popular medium in the U.S., offers a wealth of materials for teaching about American politics and society. We will explore how selected shows reflect changing values, hopes and fears of the American people and how they shape young people's views of themselves and their future.

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| 10:00 | Check-in (please, bring an ID) |
| 10:15 | Introductory remarks by Martina Kohl, U.S. Embassy |
| 10:30 - 11:15 | "The Golden Age of Television. What is so good about American TV?"
Presentation by Jane Feuer, Professor of English and Film Studies,
University of Pittsburgh |
| 11:15 - 11:45 | Refreshments in the IRC |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | "The Reflection of Cultural Dilemmas in Teledrama and the
Viewer's Consciousness: An Analysis of Selected Visual Material"
Presentation by Barbra Morris, Senior lecturer,
University of Michigan |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch in the neighborhood (information will be provided) |
| 14:00 - 15:45 | Parallel Workshops
Workshop I: Quality television drama as a source for teaching
about American society (Jane Feuer)
Workshop II: Writing about television (Barbra Morris)
Workshop III: Television clips and other teaching materials from
the Internet (Nancy Rajczak/Cornelia Voss, U.S. Embassy) |
| 15:45 - 16:00 | Refreshments in the IRC |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | Presentation and Discussion of Results |

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